

# 46 East For The Future: Partnership Required!

A strong partnership between Caltrans and partner agencies will be integral to managing the corridor and securing funding for improvements along SR 46 East.

This is the first in a series of newsletters to keep you informed about meetings, issues and solutions.

Topics include:

- Highway and local road improvements
- Expanded public transportation
- Goods movement and air quality
- Safety and security



**Participate online!**  
[www.46eastforthefuture.org](http://www.46eastforthefuture.org)

The 46 East for the Future website will serve as a virtual project site where you can access workshop and background materials, take surveys and provide comments directly to the project team.



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## Help us plan for the future of transportation in the region!

Congestion and delay on State Route 46 East are no secret to those that use the highway. Planning efforts are now underway to identify long-term strategies that will improve the safety of the highway while increasing mobility and quality of life for all. All types of traffic, from local Paso Robles business and residential trips to regional tourism to interregional freight travel, rely upon 46 East.

As a highway traveler of State Route 46 East, your input, ideas and support for improvement concepts are very important to local and state decision-makers. Representatives from Caltrans, the City of Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo County and the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) are working in partnership to study and evaluate concepts for the Route 46 East Comprehensive Corridor Study (CCS).

The process is an exciting opportunity to learn about the needs, goals and principles of the Comprehensive Corridor Study, while providing your input on concept alternatives.

### Why should I participate?

Anyone interested in the future of land use, development and traffic in the region should attend. Your participation is crucial to this process, which is designed to ensure that improvements to 46 East will support the continued economic and environmental vitality of the region.

Public participation is an integral part of the Caltrans planning

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Please join us for the first in a series of public workshops!  
**Wednesday, March 5th**





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process and the future of the area. The 46 East for the Future Process is not a “Review and Comment” process, it’s an opportunity to engage with Caltrans and local agencies in a discussion about the future of the place you call home. Join us!

### What will this effort produce?

The stakeholder engagement process, an important component of the 46 East Comprehensive Corridor Study, is a forum to discuss

long-range transportation planning issues and develop strategies for improved safety and mobility in the area. The input generated during the process will identify community concerns and desires for improved connections to, along, and across the highway. By engaging local, regional and interregional stakeholders in an ongoing discussion about transportation, land use and the future of the region, the process will generate support and agreement around important infrastructure investments.

**The 46 East Comprehensive Corridor Study (CCS)** The 46 East Comprehensive Corridor Study is a long-term operational concept report for the 5-mile segment of Route 46 East, from the US 101/ Route 46 East interchange to Jardine Road. This strategy, once completed, will be an asset for planners and decision makers for investment and strategic decisions regarding long-term improvements. Due to the overlapping jurisdictions in the corridor, a strong partnership and collabora-

tion between Caltrans and local agencies is crucial to the success of the study. A draft of the CCS will be completed in the summer of 2008, with a final report being finished by December of 2008.

When completed, the CCS findings will be incorporated into a guiding planning document for the entire Route 46 corridor, which is also to be completed by the end of 2008.

### Related Activities

- Widening activities from Union Road east to the county line will begin in the spring. These safety

and mobility improvements are the result of years of work from an array of community partners.

- The City of Paso Robles is currently reviewing local traffic patterns as part of a Circulation Element update for its General Plan. The City is also conducting a parallel route study to inform planning efforts for improved connections to, across and parallel to SR 46E.
- Improvements to the US-101/SR 46 W and US-101/SR 46E intersections are being planned and developed.

### Need for Improvements

Commonly cited issues include:

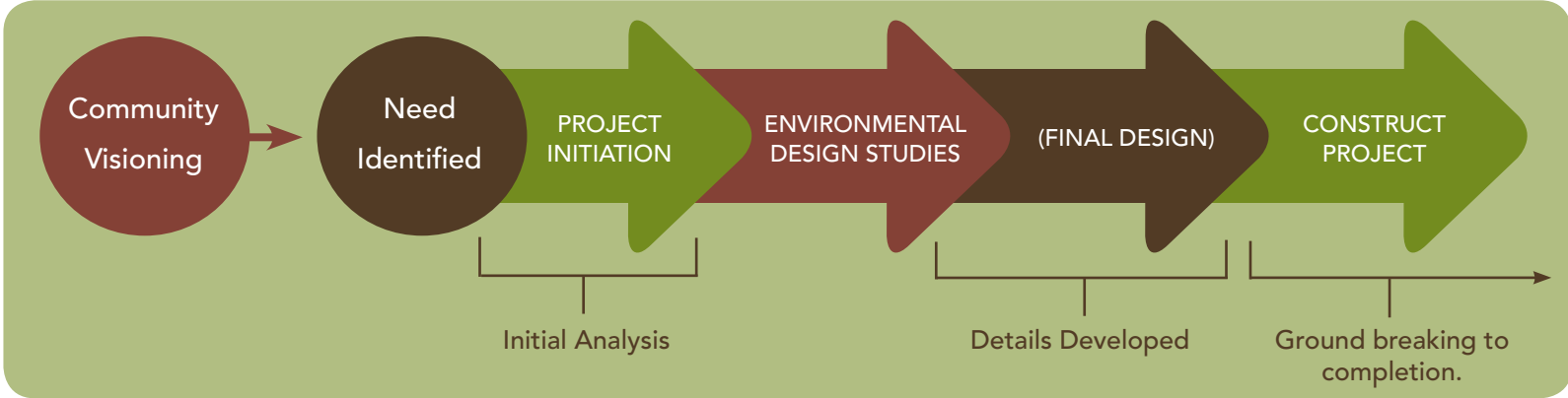
#### Congestion and Delay

- Queuing for entrance onto Southbound US-101 from SR 46 East in the west-bound direction.
  - Peak traffic can back up from 101/46 interchange to Golden Hill Road, delaying drivers up to half an hour.
  - The delay encourages drivers to divert onto other local roads, increasing congestion and safety concerns in these areas.

- Congestion and delay at Route 46 intersections during non-peak hours (Golden Hill, Union, Airport, and Jardine Rd.)

#### Safety

- The mixing of interregional through traffic and slower moving regional and local is a constant safety challenge.
- The need for safe access to and from jobs, housing, education, recreation, and commercial services that are needed by residents and the traveling public.



The figure above depicts the Caltrans highway planning process.

### Please attend the workshop!

The **first of three** interactive workshops about the Comprehensive Corridor Study is coming up!

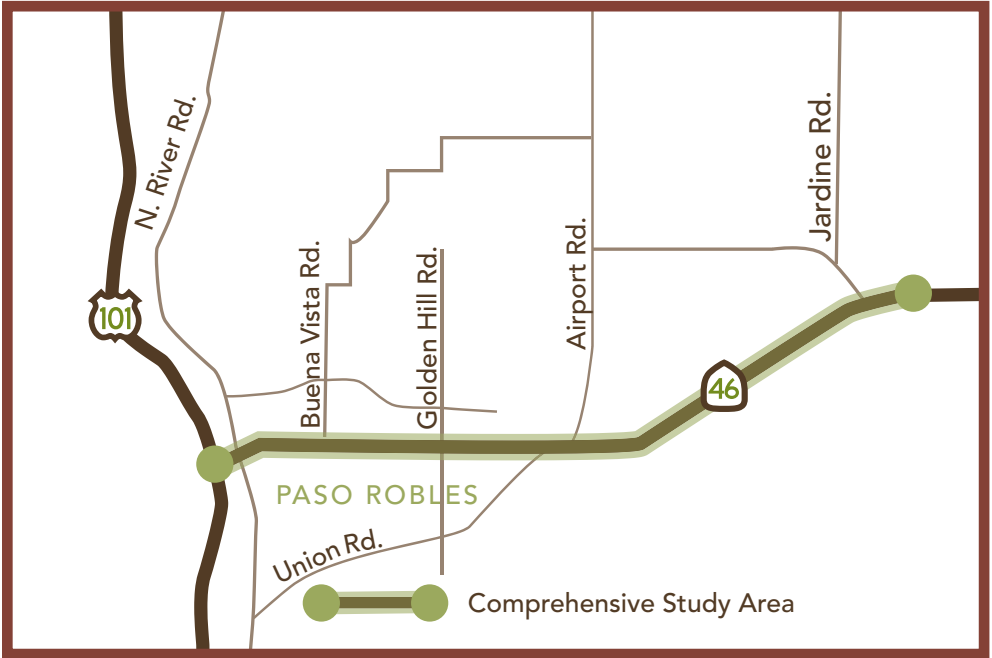
**March 5 — 6:00 to 8:00 pm**

City of Paso Robles  
Library Conference Center  
(City Council Chambers)  
1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles

- A **May 29 workshop** will showcase potential improvement concepts and focus on how the improvements will address safety and mobility challenges in the study area.
- A **third workshop will take place in the early fall**. The open house style workshop will identify outcomes of the public engagement process and next steps for continued public engagement in transportation improvement efforts.



### COMPREHENSIVE STUDY AREA



Note: Map not to scale.